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AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL OF LONG-TERM)
TRANSFER OF CONSERVED WATER, ETC.)
UNDER PERMIT NO. 7643 (APPLICATION NO.)
7482))

COUNTY OF IMPERIAL
EXHIBIT 1A
SUPPLEMENTAL WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
JURG HEUBERGER

1 **SUPPLEMENTAL WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF JURG HEUBERGER, AICP**

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3 The following written testimony supplements the testimony that I provided in writing dated

4 9 April 2002, entitled County of Imperial Exhibit I, Written Testimony of Jurg Heuberger. The

5 purpose of this testimony is to identify and verify two reports that have been prepared subsequent

6 to 10 April and which are relevant to the Board and the parties to this proceeding.

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9 On 25 April 2002 the County of Imperial provided to lead agencies U. S. Bureau of

10 Reclamation and Imperial Irrigation District its comments on the draft EIS/EIR for the transfer that

11 forms the subject of this proceeding. I personally oversaw preparation of these comments and

12 executed these comments as approved by the Imperial County Board of Supervisors. A copy of

13 those comments is appended to this testimony as attachment B [attachment A having been

14 appended to my 9 April testimony].

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17 Also on 25 April the Imperial Irrigation District Community Advisory Commission

18 released its long-awaited report on the proposed transfer, which took the form of that commission's

19 comments on the water transfer draft EIS/EIR. While I am not a member of that commission, one

20 of its members is the chair of the Imperial County Board of Supervisors, Hank Kuiper, and as

21 planning director of Imperial County I closely followed this commission in its work. A copy of the

22 commission's complete report with all its appendices, except for its attachments E and F, as

23 received by my office on 2 May 2002, is appended to this testimony as attachment C.

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25 The Community Advisory Commission report's attachments E and F consist of the

26 separately-bound economic and environmental justice analysis provided to the commission by

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1 independent consultant CIC Research, Inc. That separately bound CIC report, also received by my
2 office on 2 May 2002, is appended to this testimony as attachment D.

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4 I am presenting attachments C and D in my testimony because they have not previously
5 been presented in evidence in their complete form. PCL exhibit 29 is a draft of the now-final CIC
6 Research Report (my attachment D), and PCL exhibit 30 does not include the all of the basic
7 commission report (my attachment C). Moreover, it appears that attachments C and D were not
8 available to the Imperial Irrigation District prior to the presentation of its written testimony in this
9 proceeding, and the IID has now completed the oral presentation of all its phase I and phase II
10 testimony. Since IID apparently cannot now present its own commission report, the County of
11 Imperial seems next best suited to make that presentation.
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15 All three attachments presented in this supplemental written testimony evidence the
16 uncertainty that has surrounded the transfer project to date, the earnest and open-minded effort of
17 Imperial County citizens to address the transfer proposal constructively and with respect for all the
18 environmental and economic impacts in this valley, and the lack of resolution that still remains
19 even as this Board now conducts its hearing on the transfer proposal.
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22 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in El
23 Centro, California on 7 May 2002.

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JURG HEUBERGER